

issue. And Bihar issue can be discussed extensively.

(Interruptions)

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN: Bofors issue should be taken up first, Sir. *(Interruptions)*

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): Sir, Shrimati Krishna Sahi came to me and informed about the whole thing. As soon as I got this information, I have been trying to get in touch with the Chief Minister. For the last one hour I am trying my best but I could not contact him. I require information from the State Government before we are able to discuss the matter.

MR. SPEAKER: I will allow the discussion on the matter. The reply will be given by the hon. Home Minister after he gets the information.

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA: Sir, what about that note?

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN: What is their view about Bofors? Let him clarify that also... *(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER: If you heard me properly, you would have been satisfied.

[Translation]

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN: You have rightly said.

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: You are not even letting me complete my sentence. I am telling you that the question hour is your own hour in which you put questions and get replies thereof. Kindly let it be completed. As soon as the question hour ends, you can raise Bofors issue and after this you can raise another, issue. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN: Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Home Minister made a statement in connection with Bihar, but why did he not make any statement in connection with Bofors... *(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER: He is going to say that... *(Interruptions)*

[English]

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA: Sir, there is no Minister to give a clarification about that note.

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE: The House is agitated over the functioning of the Government... *(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER: I will allow you immediately after the Question Hour. Can you not wait just for 45 minutes?

Question No. 470 please.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[Translation]

Rake Facility for Supply of Foodgrains

*470. SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the stations where facility to supply foodgrains in hilly districts of Uttar Pradesh through rake and piecemeal has been provided;

(b) whether the facility provided to Kotwara railway station has been withdrawn resulting in the shortage/crisis of rationed foodgrains in the areas;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government propose to restore this facility;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

[English]

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) Dehradun, Rishikesh, Haridwar and Kotwara are the stations which serve the hill districts of Uttar Pradesh for supply of foodgrains.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) to (f). Do not arise.

[Translation]

SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHAN-DURI: Mr. Speaker, Sir, in his reply, the Minister has stated that the provision for wagons has not been withdrawn. Through you, I would like to tell the hon. Minister that this is incorrect. The station received the last wagon on 12.8.90 and thereafter it received a rake of foodgrains as recently as 18.3.92. This is the question for which I require an answer I had also written a letter to the Prime Minister in this regard and the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh had personally sent a telex to the Minister of Railways on 5.3.92. Only then action was taken. Your answer that wagon was provided during this period is incorrect. With the grace of the hon. Minister of Railways and the Food Corporation of India the people of my constituency were provided with 500 grams of foodgrains per person per month for month of January and February, which is inadequate for even birds. I would like to know from the hon. Minister.

[English]

Will the Railway Minister please confirm or deny that there was no supply of wagons from 12.8.90 till the end of the year

and also during the entire year of 1991?

SHRI MALLIKARJUN: Mr. Speaker Sir, foodgrains are normally moved when the Food Corporation of India places the indent. Unfortunately, out of the 39 rakes that the Food Corporation of India placed for the movement of foodgrains, for Kotawara, the indent was not there. It is true that the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh and the hon. Members have written to our Minister. When the letter has reached us, we have asked the Food Corporation of India and they have made an indent on the 16th of March and we have moved one rake of foodgrains which reached Kotawara on 18.3.1992.

[Translation]

SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHAN-DURI: Mr. Speaker, Sir, the reply given to the first part of my question is incorrect. My next question is whether the hon. Minister is aware of the fact that foodgrains are being moved in open wagons resulting in excessive pilferage and adulteration. Consequently, the public, among whom these foodgrains are distributed are made to suffer. If you are aware of it, I would like to know, why these things are taking place and if you are oblivious of it, and if it is contrary to your policies, then does the Government propose to put an end to it and ensure that foodgrains are despatched in covered wagons?

[English]

SHRI MALLIKARJUN: Normally, the foodgrains are moved in block rakes. They are covered wagons.

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*471. PROF. K. V. THOMAS:
SHRI SURYA NARAYAN
YADAV:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: